

News Release

U of M, Crookston Moves to 2nd in U.S.News & World Report Rankings in Category Midwest Top Public Regional Colleges; Campus ranks in top 4 for 15th Consecutive Year

*By Itollefts on Wednesday, September 12, 2012*The University of Minnesota, Crookston is pleased to announce a move up to second in this year's U.S.News Best Colleges rankings in the category Midwest Top Public Regional Colleges. The rankings for 2013 mark the 15th consecutive year the Crookston campus has appeared in the top four and signals a move up from last year's placement at number three. The exclusive rankings, available at usnews.com on Wed., Sept. 12, will be published in the September issue of U.S.News & World Report, available on newsstands on Tuesday, September 18.



U.S. News Top Public Regional Colleges by Region

Within the specific category, Top Public Regional Colleges, U.S. News compared 371 colleges by region. The University of Minnesota, Crookston's category, Midwest Top Public Regional Colleges, is comprised of both public and private institutions that focus on undergraduate education and offer a range of degree programs but grant less than half of their degrees in the liberal arts.

Campus officials are pleased with the news and credit the improvement to a campus wide focus on excellence at every level. "The U.S. News rankings call out our adherence to high quality academic programs and student services by our dedicated faculty and staff," says Fred Wood, chancellor of the U of M, Crookston. "We offer the best academic and student experience in a small, closely-knit atmosphere where students earn a University of Minnesota degree.

"In a year when we are celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Morrill Act, which established land grant universities, we are proud to continue our commitment to students and our legacy as a land grant institution," Wood continues. "We strive now, as we have since our earliest years, to provide access to higher education, to encourage discovery, and to serve the public good."

Over the past two decades, the U.S. News college rankings, which group schools based on categories created by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, have grown to be the most comprehensive tool for students and parents considering higher education opportunities. Among the many factors weighed in determining the rankings of regional colleges, the key measures of quality are: peer assessment, graduation and retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, and alumni giving. For details, visit www.usnews.com.

Today the University of Minnesota, Crookston delivers 26 bachelor's degree programs, 18 minors, and 39 concentrations on campus--as well as 10 degrees online--in the areas of agriculture and natural resources; business; liberal arts and education; and math, science and technology. With an enrollment of 1,800 undergraduates from 25 countries and 40 states, the Crookston campus offers a supportive, close-knit atmosphere that leads to a prestigious University of Minnesota degree. "Small Campus. Big Degree." To learn more, visit www.umcrookston.edu.

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